JC20 Rec'd PCT/PTO 29 SEP 2005

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Naoki TAKAHASHI et al.

Serial Number: Not yet assigned

(§371 of international application No. PCT/JP2004/003716)

Filed: September 29, 2005

or: OPTICAL ELEMENT, POLARIZING ELEMENT, LIGHTING

DEVICE, AND LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY

Attorney Docket Number:

053158

Customer Number:

38834

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 September 29, 2005

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.